GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EX-SERVICEMEN PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ex-servicemen Rehabilitation Projects running in West Bengal;

(b) the financial assistance provided by the Government under said projects for the rehabilitation of Ex-servicemen during each of the last three years, till date, project-wise;

(c) whether existing financial assistance provided for said projects is insufficient; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to increase the financial assistance under the said projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): There are no specific projects for rehabilitation of ex-Servicemen in any State including West Bengal.However, several schemes have been introduced with this objective. These schemes include reservation in Government jobs, grant of loan facilities for setting up of self-employment ventures, training programmes to improve their employability after retirement or release from Service, employment opportunities through ex-Servicemen Security Agencies, ex-Servicemen Coal Transportation Companies, etc.

There is no specific budget allocation for the rehabilitation of ex-Servicemen and no financial assistance is provided to State Governments for this purpose.